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MOTIONS⁵

(a) **Motions Shall be in Writing.** All motions, unless made during a hearing or trial, shall be in writing and shall be made sufficiently in advance of trial to comply with the time periods set forth in this Local Rule and any Court order and to avoid any delays in the trial.

(b) **Memorandum by Moving Party.** Except for a request for an award of attorney's fees pursuant to Rule 54.2(b), Local Rules of Civil Procedure, upon any motion, the moving party shall serve and file with the motion's papers a memorandum setting forth the points and authorities relied upon in support of the motion.

(c) **Responsive Memorandum.** The opposing party shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Court and except as otherwise provided by Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rules 12.1, 54.2(b), and 56.1, Local Rules of Civil Procedure, have fourteen (14) days after service in a civil or criminal case within which to serve and file a responsive memorandum.

(d) **Reply Memorandum.** The moving party, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, shall have seven (7) days after service of the responsive memorandum to file a reply memorandum if that party so desires.

(e) **Length of Motions, Memoranda and Objections.**

(1) Unless otherwise permitted by the Court, a motion including its supporting memorandum, and the response including its supporting memorandum, may not exceed seventeen (17) pages, exclusive of attachments and any required statement of facts.

5 The time periods prescribed in the Local Rules are to be computed in accordance with Rule 6, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

(2) Unless otherwise permitted by the Court, a reply including its supporting memorandum may not exceed eleven (11) pages, exclusive of attachments.

(3) Unless otherwise permitted by the Court, an objection to a Report and Recommendation issued by a Magistrate Judge shall not exceed ten (10) pages.

(4) Attachments shall exclude materials extraneous to genuine issues of material fact or law.

(f) **Oral Arguments.** Unless otherwise directed by the Court, a party desiring oral argument must request it by placing "Oral Argument Requested" immediately below the title of a motion or the response to a motion. The Court may decide motions without oral argument. If oral argument is granted, notice will be given in a manner directed by the Court.

(g) **Motions for Reconsideration.**

(1) Form and Content of Motion. The Court will ordinarily deny a motion for reconsideration of an Order absent a showing of manifest error or a showing of new facts or legal authority that could not have been brought to its attention earlier with reasonable diligence. Any such motion shall point out with specificity the matters that the movant believes were overlooked or misapprehended by the Court, any new matters being brought to the Court's attention for the first time and the reasons they were not presented earlier, and any specific modifications being sought in the Court's Order. No motion for reconsideration of an Order may repeat any oral or written argument made by the movant in support of or in opposition to the motion that resulted in the Order. Failure to comply with this subsection may be grounds for denial of the motion.

(2) Procedure. No response to a motion for reconsideration and no reply to the response may be filed

unless ordered by the Court, but no motion for reconsideration may be granted unless the Court provides an opportunity for response. Absent good cause shown, any motion for reconsideration shall be filed no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of the filing of the Order that is the subject of the motion.

(h) **Telephone Argument and Conferences.** The Court may, in its discretion, order or allow oral argument on any motion or other proceeding by speaker telephone conference call, provided that all conversations of all parties are audible to each participant and the Court. Upon request of any party, such oral argument may be recorded by court reporter or other lawful method under such conditions as the Court shall deem practicable. Counsel shall request scheduling of such calls at a time convenient to all parties and the Court. The Court may direct which party shall pay the cost of the call.

(i) **Briefs or Memoranda of Law; Effect of Non-Compliance.** If a motion does not conform in all substantial respects with the requirements of this Local Rule, or if the unrepresented party or counsel does not serve and file the required answering memoranda, or if the unrepresented party or counsel fails to appear at the time and place assigned for oral argument, such non-compliance may be deemed a consent to the denial or granting of the motion and the Court may dispose of the motion summarily.

(j) **Discovery Motions.** No discovery motion will be considered or decided unless a statement of moving counsel is attached thereto certifying that after personal consultation and sincere efforts to do so, counsel have been unable to satisfactorily resolve the matter. Any discovery motion brought before the Court without prior personal consultation

with the other party and a sincere effort to resolve the matter, may result in sanctions.

(k) **Motions to Compel.** With regard to motions to compel discovery brought pursuant to Rule 37(a)(3)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, see Rule 37.1, Local Rules of Civil Procedure.

(l) **Pending Motions Notification.** Whenever any motion or other matter has been taken under advisement by a District Judge or Magistrate Judge for more than one hundred and eighty (180) days, the attorneys of record in the case shall inquire of the Court, in writing, as to the status of the matter.

(m) **Motions to Strike.**

(1) Generally. Unless made at trial, a motion to strike may be filed only if it is authorized by statute or rule, such as Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(f), 26(g)(2) or 37(b)(2)(A)(iii), or if it seeks to strike any part of a filing or submission on the ground that it is prohibited (or not authorized) by a statute, rule, or court order.

(2) Objections to Admission of Evidence on Written Motions. An objection to (and any argument regarding) the admissibility of evidence offered in support of or opposition to a motion must be presented in the objecting party's responsive or reply memorandum and not in a separate motion to strike or other separate filing. If the underlying motion is a motion for summary judgment, an objection may be included in a party's response to another party's separate statement of material facts in lieu of (or in addition to) including it in the party's responsive memorandum, but any objection in the party's response to the separate statement of material facts must be stated summarily without argument. Any response to an objection must be included in the responding party's reply

memorandum for the underlying motion and may not be presented in a separate responsive memorandum.